FIREBUG IN **PETERSBURG**

The Frequent Incendiary Fires Arouse the Citizens to Impending Danger.

ANOTHER STABLE BURNED

Many Believe the Fires to be the Work'of a Demented Incendiary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG: VA., Aug. 18.—The
frequency of incendiary fires in this city has aroused great alarm, and efforts are being made on all sides to capture the criminals. The local insurance men have taken up the matter, and were to-day in consultation with Captain Rag-

day in consultation with Captain Rag-land, of the police department, but for self-evident reasons it is desired that the results of such conferences should not be publicly discussed.

The difficulty of obtaining direct evi-dence in a case of this kind is necessa-rily great, but the police are busily en-gaged in the work, and an early arrest is expected.

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It is believed by many that the fires are the work of a demented incendiary, as was the case in Lynchburg some time

as was the case in Dynamore ago.

Another fire occurred to-day about twelve o'clock, when some men working in the park at Center Hill saw that a frame stable in the rear-of the residence of Mrs. Thomas H. Woody, on Franklin Street, was burning, and gave the alarm. The fire department was called out, but no engine was needed, and the riahes were soon extinguished with little damage. It was plainly evident that this fire was also the attempt of an incendiary.

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GENERA LORDER.

General Stith Bolling, commanding the First Brigade, Virginia Division, United Confederate Veterans, has issued a general order, urging all camps composing the brigade to send delegates to the annual meeting of United Confederate Veterans, which is to take place in Lynchburg, Va., on September 14th.

Camps are to be represented in the proportion of one delegate to every twenty members, with alternates in the same proportion.

proportion.
The order suggests that each camp

memower its delegates, who are present at a meeting, to cast the full vote of their camp in the event that any members of the delegation are absent.

Adjutants are directed to forward to brigade headquarters a list of all delegates and alternates, which will be forwarded by the brigade commander to division headquarters. The offer announces the meeting of the Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans at the same time and place as that of the United Confederate Veterans, and urges that all camps be fully represented.

BURGLARS IN CHESTERFIELD.

Burglars attempted to enter the home of Mr. Cad Archer, who resides in Chesterfield county, a short distance from this city, at a late hour last night.

The family were aroused, by the rais-

this city, at a late hour last night.
The family were aroused by the raising of a window, and two burglars were seen on the roof of the back porch. They were frightened off, and Mr. Archer shot at them, but without effect so far as is known.

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A haby girl was left on the porch of the Methodist Female Orphan Asylum about 11 o'clock last night by someone unknown.

The child was not welcomed at the asylum, and was cared for during the night by charitable neighbors. This morning it was taken in charge by the matron of the almshouse.

The child is white, about six months old, and was found in a basket fully equipped with infant supplies. Adopters will be gladly welcomed.

It is understood that West Hill Warehouse, which was recently destroyed by fire, will not be rebuilt, and that the property will be sold and used for other purposes.

ELEGANT WEDDING.

Grove Methodist Church Scene of Beautiful Ceremony.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CUMBERLAND, VA. Aug. 18.—The
wedding of Mr. Walter Putnam Dawson,
of Mississippi, and Miss Garrie Byerley,
a daughter of Mr. Frank Byerley, of
Mississippi, and a nicce of Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Byerley, of "Green Level," this
county, took place last evening at halfpast eight o'clock it Grove Methodist
Church, the Rev. William E. Grant performing the ceremony.
The wedding was conceded by all who
wincessed it as being one of the very
prettiest ever seen here. Floral decorations were restricted to the chancel,
where great banks of feathery golden
rod and massive ferns were all used in (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

A Novel Store For Richmond.

Strictly high grade Ladies for those who appreciate quality and workmanship combined with moderate prices can be seen about September 1st. at the New Store, No. 417 East Broad Street. Nothing old, every-Street. Nothing old, every-thing just up to the most correct conception. Suits, Wraps, Skirts, Waists, Petticoats, etc. An inspection is asked of every Richmond

C. S. Peers Co.

SENATOR DAVIS NOT HOSTILE TO LABOR

Came Up From the Ranks Himself and Knows What It Is to Work.

(Special to The fimes-Dispatch.)

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ROANOKE, VA., Aug. 18.—The following letter from H. G. Davis, the Democratic candidate for Vice-President, has been made public here:

"Eikins, W. Vu., Aug. 15, 1961."

"Mr. I. V. Johnson, Roanoke, Va.:

"My Dear Mr Johnson,—I am glad to have your letter calling my attention to the publication placing me in an attitude of hostility to the laboring class. No one who knows me personally or is at all acquainted with the circumstances of my life, will put any credence in the statements to which you refer. I think I can well claim that I belong to the laboring class. For many years I worked in the ranks as a wage-earner, and I know what it is to earn my living by the sweat of my brow. On the other hand, I have been a large employer of labor, in railroads, coal mines, lumber mills, etc., and have never had any serious trouble with our men.

"I can recall but two instances in which there were strikes, and those were of short duration and peaceably settled. No man has ever been discharged from our service because he was a union man, or been evicted from a company's house for any reason. I think you will find that the conditions of the railroad man and the miner in connection with the enterprises I have directed will compare most fayorably with those in other localities of the country. I have always believed, and my conviction came from the hard school of experience, that, measured by character of the work he does and the cost of living, every man is entitled to full compensation for his services.

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"I am charged with having instituted proceedings which led to, an injunction against strikers by Judge Jackson, of this State. The fact is," I had nothing whatever to do with the case, and knew nothing about the matter until I read of it in the newspapers. The injunction did not apply to the men in our employ nor pertain, to them in any way. On the centrary, I remember on one occasion one of our superintendents suggested an injunction against our men and I declined to consider it,

(Signed) "H. G. DAVIS."

PRODUCE EXCHANGE. Farmers of York and James City to Sell Through Own Agent.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Aug. 18.—The farmers of York and James City counties met here this afternoon and took steps looking to the establishment of an agent here to handle their produce. A temporary organization was effected with Mr. B. F. Wright as president, and F. H. Ball secretary. The plan as outlined is to have an agent at Williamsburg who will look after the marketing of the produce to endeavor to secure hetter shipping rates; and also to get better prices than the farmers have been getting in the past.

MEET WITH SICK MEMBER

Appointment of New Chief and Other Police Officers Confirmed.

THE COURT YET TO DECIDE

New Incoming Council Expects to Make Police Appointments. Dr. Dorsett in Custody.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., August 18,-Dr., W. 12. Dorsett, a Richmond dentist, is to-night in charge of the sheriff. Dorsett, who was brought from Richmond by a Norfolk detective, was arraigned in Police Court this morning on a charge of passing a bogus check on W. V. Hart, the nally, to the amount of \$10. The case of absent witnesses, but it is learned that this was done to give Dorsett a chance to make the amount good, Hart and Nunnally being willing to drop the charges. The case will be concluded to-morrow.

LIQUOR DELEGATES.

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The Liquor Dealers' Association today elected delegates to the State Convention of Liquor Dealers, which will
be held at Richmond next month.

The Common and Select Councils to-day
confirmed the appointment of E. W. Jones
for chief of police; Charles West for
first captain and George Cuthriell for
second captain. The Select Council met
in the room of Councilman Consolvo at
the Monticello Hotel, where the member
was ill: His vote was necessary for a
quorum. The Common branch met at the
City Hall. quorum. The Country
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The commisioners who appointed the chief and captains were elected by the ring Councils, and the legality of the commissioners election is yet to be decided by the Supreme Court.

The good government Council, which comes into office on the first of September, will also make appointments of police officials.

ELEGANT GERMAN.

Leading Gayety of Season at the

Cold Sulphur Springs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

COLD SULPHUR SPRINGS, VA., Aug.

IS.—Most conspicious among the many gay
and festive occasions of the past week
at "The Cold," was a most delightful german, given Priday night in honor of
Miss Anne May Young, of Louisville,
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The elaborately decorated room was crowded with many handsomely gowned women, and gallant young men, who tripped the light fantastic to the music made by an orchestra from Richmond. The german was led by Mr. Richard P. Winston, of Richmond, Va., with Miss Young, of Louisville, Ky.

Among those who tripped the light fantastic were Miss Potts, of Shipston, W. Va., with Mr. E. W. G. Mercer, of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. W. C. Mercer, of Richmond, Va.; with Mr. E. W. C. Mercer, of Richmond, Va.; with Mr. W. C. Mercer, of Richmond, Va.; with Mr. J. C. Jack, of Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Robert H. Talley, of Richmond, Va., with Mr. J. C. Jack, of Augusta, Ga.; Mrs. Robert H. Talley, of Richmond, Va., with Mr. L. C. Sturgess, of Bristol, Va.; with Mr. L. C. Sturgess, of Bristol, Va.; with Mr. L. C. Sturgess, of Bristol, Va.; with Mr. L. Cameron, of Goshen, Va., with Mr. Anderson, of Charleston, W. Va.; Miss Gooch, of Roanoke, Va., with Mr. Mitc, of Lexington, Va.; Miss Corne, of Richmond, Va.; Wits Gladys Walker, of Staunton, Va., with Mr. Mylte, of Lexington, Va.; Miss Gladys Walker, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Gladys Walker, of Staunton, Va.; Wits Mr. Richard P. Winston, of Richmond, Va.; Miss India Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Thomas, Hickey, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Tornellus Hagerty, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Tornellus Hagerty, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Tornellus Hagerty, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Tornellus Hagerty, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Cornellus Hagerty, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Mary Marshall, of Alexandria, Va., with Mr. Va., with Mr. Walker, of Dallas,

Washington, D. C., C2h Mr. William Gilmore, of Alianta, Ga. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Walker, of Augusts, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walker, of Staunton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Colwell, of Bristol, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Barker, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Marshall, of Alexandria, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Craig, of Cold Suphur, Springs, Judge and Mrs. W. B. Martin, of Norfolk; Mrs. E. W. Herndon, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Morris Moore, of Lynchburg; Mrs. C. G. Colwell, of Bristol, Va.

CAMPAIGN IN THE NINTH.

The District Committee Make Appointments for Speakers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PULASKI CITY, VA., Aug. 18.—The
District Committee for the Ninth Congressional District, P. F. Sinciair, chairman, makes the following announcements;

Hon. J. C. Wysor, Democrate nomines
for Congress in the Ninth District, and
other speakers will address the voters
of the district at the following times and

other speakers will address the votes of the district at the following times and places;
Tazewell, August 22, Courthouse, Graham, August 23, Gate City, September 5, Courthouse, Jonesville, September 5, Courthouse, Jonesville, September 19, Courthouse, Jonesville, September 25, Courthouse, Newcastle, October 10, Courthouse, Marion, October 17, Courthouse, Wytheville, November 7, Opera-house, Wytheville, November 7, Opera-house, HON, IARRY ST, GEORGE TUCKER, Tazewell, August 2, Courthouse, Graham, August 22, Courthouse, Abingdon, September 19, Courthouse, HON, A. C. BRAXTON, Labanon, September 19, Courthouse, HON, S. W. WILLIAMS, Clintwood, October 17, Courthouse, Other prominent speakers of the district and State will address the voters as follows:

Pulaski, September 19, opera-house, Bland, October 17, Courthouse, Wise, November 7, Courthouse, Wise, November 7, Courthouse,

HENRY CLAY INN SOLD.

Miss Emma Lee Vaughan Becomes the Owner.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch. (Special to The Times-Dispaten)
ASHLAND, VA, Aug. 18.—The Henry
Clay Inn was sold here to-day under decree of the court, to Mrs. Emma Lee
Vaughan, through Frank Vaughan, the
present lessee.
About one hundred interested citizens and visitors were present at the sale. Mr. J. A. Brown, clerk of the Circuit Court, acted as auctioneer. E. L. C. Scott offered \$14,000 for the property, but

Scott offered \$11.000 for the property, but was overbid by Frank Vaughan, at the figure of \$14.200.

The furniture and furnishings will be sold September 18.

It is the purpose of the new owner to immediately improve the property by adding twenty additional rooms, a bowling alley, and billiard room.

Unites an upset bid is put in, the court will quickly confirm the sale.

The present management under Mr. T. R. Gary will continue.

Mrs. McG. Fisher, of Ashland, who was paralyzed a few days ago, is rapidly improving. family of Rev. E. M. Jordan, who The family of Rev. E. M. Jordan, who have been living in Ashland for several years will remove September 19, to Onley, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Thierman, of Richmond, who have been summering at the Henry Clay Inn, will return to Richmond next week. Mrs. Lonsdale, of Washington, D. C., will spend the winter with them.

NANSEMOND SCHOOL LEVY HAS INCREASED

Twenty-five Thousand.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SUFFOLK, VA., August 18 .- Th stead of five cents, and raising the county This will increase the school funds more

than \$8,000.

In the fiscal year just closed county schools cost about \$17,000, leaving balances in the several districts aggregating \$2,000. Of this amount the State paid \$13,007.71.

With the increased levies collected Nansemond county schools will have upwards of \$25,000 in resources, exclusive of balances. These figures do not include Suffolk's schools.

SIXTY WERE POISONED

People at Baptist Association Eat Twice Frozen

FELL ALONG THE ROADSIDE

Taken Back to Church and Attended by Several Doctors on the Ground.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch) LYNCHBURG, VA., Aug. 18.—Meager reports of wholesale ptomine poison at Prospect Baptist Church, near Pleasant View, Amherst county, about twenty-five miles from Lynchburg, were received here to-day, but persistent ef-

twenty-five miles from Lynchburg, were received here to-day, but persistent efforts to secure the details and names of those who were poisoned have been unavailing on account of the distance of the church from telegraph lines.

It appears that sixty persons, who were attending the sessions of the Piedmont Baptist Association at that church, were poisoned by eating ice cream at a stand af the church, which had been frozen over after standing in the freezer for twenty-four hours or more.

ONE STILLI LILL,
At a late hour this afternoon all of those affected were reported to be out of danger, except a Miss Lawhorne. Her condition is said to be critical.

The persons who ate the cream became ill shortly after partaking of it after the afternoon session of the association closed, and in a short time many of them grew so lill that they were almost unconscious.

They were found lying along the road more than a quarter of a mile from the church, and carried back to the shurch, where four doctors worked herolcally for four or five hours to counferact the effects of the poisoned cream.

There were 2,000 persons on the grounds at the time.

SINTY AT ONCE.

It was in the afternoon when the people at first began to complain, and before long there was about sixty persons stretched out on the graas receiving at-

The County to Have More Than BLACKSMITH STRUCK BY

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

STAUNTON, VA., Aug. 48.—Mr Harry Hoover, a young man, 25 years of age, was run over by a Chesapeake and Ohlo train here this morning, and the doctors say he cannot live. His right leg and right arm was mashed off, and his skull was cut open, exposing the brain. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked for the B. F. Stogdon foundry here. His wife lives in Basic City, and it is thought he was on his way from Basic to Staunton to get off a freight. It is thought he was hurt about four o'clock this morning, but he was not found till after six o'clock.

Heavy Lumber Load.

The August Blanket Sale.

The few remaining days of the August Blanket Sale will be full of economics for the far-sighted and thrifty.

The successful provider of Winter Comforts will take opportunity by the forelock in buying while such sightly and substantial Blankets are procurable at savings that average

20 Per Cent. and More

Fourqurean, Temple & Co.

SKELETON FOUND HOUSEBREAKERS UNDER HOUSE

Sweetheart, as Supposed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., August 18.-The skeleton of a man has been discovered under the foundations of a house at

under the foundations of a house at Spray, N. C., which is being torn down. The bones had been buried without a coffin. The house which was removed had been built ten years. The house has been occupied for the past five years by Mr. P. Ellington.

The coroner's jury this afternoon found that the man, George Smith, who died mysteriously several weeks ago, and who was supposed to have been poisoned by a jealous girl, came to his death from unknown causes. The verdict of the jury was based on an examination of the man's stomach, made by City Physician R. W. Robinson, whose testimony was to the effect that the man had not been poisoned.

Consideration of the control of the

Virginia Board of Trade. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Aug. 18.—The
British steamship, Tapton, Captain Sanderson, from Galveston, Texus, for Rotterdam and Antwerp, is in port for
bunker coal. The Tapton carries to
largest cargo of timber ever shipped out
of the Texas port, having on board 4,00,000 feet of lumber.

Virginia Board of Irade.

The annual meeting of the Virginia Board
of Trade, which was postponed, will be held
Thursday, August 25, at noon in the rooms
of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce.
The Executive Council will meet at 10 A. M.
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AND HORSE THIEVES George Smith Not Poisoned by Graveyard at Acquia Church, Where Lady Baltimore is Buried.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., August 18 .-It has just come to light that the two tramps, Joseph Sidney and Clarence Kennedy, of Pennsylvania, now in jail here for stealing Calvin Walker's horse and

Sinfford and robbed the residence of Mr.

J. A. Gallehan, while making way with
the horse and wagon. The family was
absent at the time, and the tramps broke
the front door open and secured some
money, clothing and four razors. Mr.
Gallahan came here, identified the articles and secured most of them.

The Baptist Sunday school of this city,
which numbers seven hundred, is so large
that it has to take its annual plonic in sec-

CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Chart Flitcher

COACH EXCURSION RATES VI SOUTHERN RAILWAY TO ST. LOUIS ACCOUNT WORLD'S FAIR. On each Tuesday in August the South ern Railway will sell low rates coach excursion tickets to St. Louis, Mo., and return, limited ten days from date of sale, at very low rate; rate from Rich-nond ji7.00. This ticket applies via Ashe-ville, and famous "Land of the Sky." For full information, apply to your ticket

C. W. WESTBURY, District Passenger Agent.

POPULAR EXCURSION TO WINSTON-SALEM VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY, AUGUST 21, 1904, \$2.50 ROUND TRIP. Special train will leave Richmond 10:30 Special train will leave Richmond 19:39 P. M., August 21st, going through through in Winston-Salem, Without change, through Danville, Reidsville, Greensboro, etc., \$2.5 round trip. Special cars for colored people, Returning, leave Winston-Salem 9:00 P. M. and arrive Richmond 6:00 A. M., August 23d. The last and only excursion of the season to the Old North State.

Bears the The Kind You Have Always Bought of Clark Hitchire

TO THE LAND OF FLOWERS.
Is the word. Mark Thompson's "Dahlina" w'll bloom by the acres. Take a
West Hampton car every dy. He has
over 600 varieties beside "Green"
ones. You step right one are into his
Dahlia beds, "Phone dio."

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SUNDAY EXCURSIONS

Via Atlantic Coast Line to Petershourg.
Round-Trip 40c.
Good going and returning on regular-ains. Commencing Sunday, May 15th,

Bears the Signature Class H. Flitchist of

IT'S A DELIGHTFUL PLACE TO SPEND SUNDAY OR AN AFTERNOON. Popular Beach Park. Two trains every Sunday from Southern Railway Station, 10:30 A. M. and 4:00 P. M. Week day train 1:30 P. M.; 50c. round 1:19.

CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT. YOU WILL WANT TO READ THIS STORY LATER, IF NOT NOW.

STUDY IN SCARLET

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of the case if I was to presume to help you," remarked my friend. "You are doing so well now that it would be a pity for any one to interfere." There was a world of sarcasm in his voice, as he spoke. "If you will let me know how your investigations go," he continued, "I was a be hanny to give you any help I shall be happy to give you any help to the interest in the mean time, I should like to csn. In the mean time, I should like to speak to the constable who found the body. Can you give me his name and address?"

"There's no room for a mistake," he head is in a whirl," I remarked; "the arswered. "The very first thing which I more one thinks of it the more myster-cbserved on arriving there was that a cost had made two ruts with its wheels close to the curb, Now, up to last night, we have had no rain for a week, so that those wheels which left such a deep liming the property of the property

close to the curb, Now, up to last night, we have had no rain for a week, so that those wheels, which left such a deep impression, must have been there during the night. There were the marks of the herse's hoofs, too, the outline of one of which was far more clearly cut than that of the other three, showing that that was a new shoe. Since the cab was there after the rain began, and was not there at any time during the morning—I have Gregson's word for that—it follows that it must have been there during the night, and, therefore, that it brought those two individuals to the house."

"That seems simple enough," said I; "but how about the other man's height?"

"Why, the height of a man, in nine cases out, of ten, can be told from the length of his stride. It is a simple calculation enough, though there is no use my boring you with figures. I had this fellow's stride, both on the clay outside and on the dust within. Then I had a way of checking my calculation. When a man writes on a wall, his instinct leads him to write about the level of his own leves. Now, that writing was just over six feet from the ground. It was child's play,"

"And his sge?" I asked.

"Well, if a man can stride four and a half feet without the smallest effort, he can't be quite in the sere and yellow, That was the breadth of a puddle on the garden walk which he had evidently walked across. Patent-leather boots had gone round and Square-toes had hopped over."